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NEWS.

CHESTER A. DARLING, Albion College (Mich.), has been appointed assistant in botany at Columbia University.

DR. ALBERT MANN, Department of Agriculture, has been appointed professor of botany at George Washington University.

A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH, with portrait, of the late C. B. CLARKE is published in *Journal of Botany* for November, having been prepared by D. PRAIN and W. H. BLISS.

PROFESSOR L. H. BAILEY, Cornell University, was elected president of the Association of Agricultural Experiment Stations at the recent Baton Rouge meeting.

MR. A. C. SEWARD, formerly university lecturer, has been elected to the professorship of botany at Cambridge made vacant by the death of Professor H. MARSHALL WARD.

PROFESSOR ROLAND THAXTER, Harvard University, has returned from his year's leave of absence. A portion of his time was spent in South America and included a collecting trip to the Straits of Magellan.

THE DATE of publication of the November GAZETTE should have been given as November 30 instead of November 17. After the number was printed publication was delayed by unforeseen difficulties with the plates, due to a lithographer's strike.

IN CONNECTION with the recent quatercentenary celebrations of the University of Aberdeen, honorary degrees were conferred on the following botanists: CASIMIR DECANDOLLE, Geneva; HUGO DEVRIES, Amsterdam; J. MATSUMURA, Tokyo; and D. H. SCOTT, Kew.

IT IS appropriate to call attention again to the limitations which the Editors have been obliged to establish for papers published in the GAZETTE. No article exceeding thirty-two pages is acceptable, except with the consent of the author to pay for the pages in excess of thirty-two, which will be added to the usual number.

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, in its Yearbook for 1905, publishes a paper on the progress of forestry during that year. The year is regarded as "an epoch in the history of American forestry," chiefly because during that year it "passed out of the stage of preparation and propaganda into that of actual work." On February 1, 1905, the administration of the national forest reserves came under the Department of Agriculture, and by the end of that year an efficient system of forest administration was being inaugurated upon a hundred million acres of forest lands.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY of London has awarded recently the following medals to botanists: A Royal medal to Dr. D. H. SCOTT for his investigations and discoveries in connection with the structure and relationship of fossil plants; the Darwin medal to Professor HUGO DeVRIES on account of the significance and extent of his experimental investigation in heredity and variation.

THE FIRST SESSION of the next annual meeting of the American Association will be held at Columbia University on the morning of Thursday, December 27. During Thursday and Friday Section G will meet at Columbia University; but on Saturday it will meet in connection with the Botanical Society of America at the New York Botanical Garden. The meetings will continue on Monday and Tuesday, or as long as is required by the program.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA has received by donation the herbarium and botanical library of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. BRANDEGEE, of San Diego. The herbarium is one of the most important in the west, since it contains something over 100,000 sheets of carefully selected plants, mostly representative of the Mexican flora, which for many years has been Mr. BRANDEGEE'S chosen field, and of the flora of California and neighboring states, which has received careful treatment at the hands of Mrs. BRANDEGEE. It contains the sole remaining duplicate types of many species, the originals of which were lost in the recent fire that destroyed so large a portion of the herbarium of the California Academy of Sciences as well as the types of practically all the new species described by Mr. and Mrs. BRANDEGEE themselves. Among the noteworthy sets represented are BEBB'S willows, PARRY'S Manzanitas and Chorizanthes, a majority of the Mexican sets distributed by PALMER, PRINGLE, LUMHOLTZ, PURPUS, etc., and a selection of types and duplicate types from the ORCUTT and CLEVELAND herbaria. It is probable that no other herbarium contains so nearly complete a representation of the North American Boraginaceae. It is also rich in Mimulus, Eriogonum, and other groups in which Mrs. BRANDEGEE has been particularly interested.

The University Herbarium, as now enlarged, numbers approximately 250,000 sheets, a majority of which are mounted in permanent form. The whole collection is available for study and occupies fire-proof quarters in one of the buildings recently erected on the University campus. Here visiting botanists desiring to study the West American and Mexican flora or to consult the working library of the herbarium, will be welcome and given every opportunity for research work, Mr. and Mrs. BRANDEGEE will continue their studies at the University where Mr. BRANDAGEE has been appointed Honorary Curator of the Herbarium. Mail matter may hereafter be addressed to them at the University.